



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2207 - SB 2356

February 21, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013779): Allows the Board of Psychology (Board) to issue a temporary license to an individual who has completed academic course work and training, but has not yet taken the required written examination. Establishes that the temporary license is valid for one year, but that the Board may extend the validity following a petition from the licensee. States that the temporary license is revoked 30 days after the licensee's second failure of the examination for professional practice in psychology or jurisprudence examination. Establishes that a provisional license must be revoked within 30 days after the provisional licensee receives notice of their second failure of the examination for professional practice in psychology, or within 30 days after the date of a notice of the licensee's second failure of the oral or jurisprudence examination following the issuance of the provisional license.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Increase State Revenue – \$7,000/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/Board of Psychology

\$300/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

Increase State Expenditures - \$500/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years/

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Psychology had a surplus of \$67,976 in FY19-20, a surplus/deficit of \$68,247 in FY20-21, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,197,893 on June 30, 2021.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The current cost for a temporary license from the Board of Psychology for individuals who hold a license in another state is \$585. It is assumed that the temporary license created by the proposed legislation will have the same cost.
- According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are currently 1,540 psychology professionals in Tennessee, with a national growth rate of 3 percent. Therefore, it is assumed there are 46 (1,540 x 3%) new psychologists annually in Tennessee.

- Assuming one half of the 46 individuals (a total of 23 people) apply for a temporary license in the period between graduation and completing their written examination, that would lead to an increase in revenue of \$13,455 (23 x \$585) annually to the Board of Psychology.
- Each applicant is required to complete a criminal background check at a cost of \$35.15.
- That total cost is made to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). Of that total, \$8.65 is paid to the vendor and \$13.25 is paid to the FBI. The TBI retains the remaining \$13.25.
- Therefore, there will be a recurring increase in state expenditures to the TBI of \$504 [(\$13.25 + \$8.65) x 23] and a recurring increase in state revenue to the TBI of \$305 (\$13.25 x 23) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Psychology had a surplus of \$67,975.62 in FY19-20, a surplus/deficit of \$68,247.32 in FY20-21, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,197,892.57 on June 30, 2021.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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